

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: TSPA, NATO, UR, GW  
SUBJECT: RE-ENTRY OF SOVIET SATELLITE, COSMOS 954

REF: BONN 01371

1. WHEN I CALLED ON GENSCHER EARLIER TODAY (SEPTELS), HE EXPRESSED GREAT IRRITATION OVER SOVIET BEHAVIOR DURING THE COSMOS 954 INCIDENT. HE TERMED A SERIOUS MATTER SOVIET FAILURE TO INFORM OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF THE SATELLITE. HE SAID THE SOVIETS HAD OBVIOUSLY HOPED THE RE-ENTRY OF COSMOS WOULD GO UNNOTICED. HE STRESSED THAT IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR TO MOSCOW THAT ITS HANDLING OF THE MATTER WAS COMPLETELY UNSATISFACTORY. CONTINUING, GENSCHER SAID THE FRG WOULD WAIT UNTIL ALL THE FACTS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AND THEN SUGGEST INTERNATIONAL CONSIDERATION OF THE ENTIRE INCIDENT.

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2. IN MOCKING TERMS, GENSCHER CONTRASTED SOVIET ALLEGATIONS ABOUT OTRAG (WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS ABSURD AND UNBELIEVABLE) WITH THEIR "IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR" ON COSMOS. CONCLUDING, GENSCHER OBSERVED THAT THE INCIDENT MIGHT UNFORTUNATELY SERVE TO REVIVE SOME OF THE DOMESTIC CONTROVERSY OVER FRG ATOMIC ENERGY POLICY.

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## Message Attributes

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